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**Editorial** 

# What Administrators Expect From You

HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS expect inhalation therapy technicians to fulfill certain requirements and live up to definite obligations, which may be divided broadly into professional and administrative categories.

The inhalation therapist is striving for professional recognition and standing; and to be accorded such, must attain prescribed standards and meet specific obligations, similar to those of other established professional and technical fields.

He should have had an education sufficient to enable him to complete successfully a properly planned, conducted and supervised technical training program; and be able to demonstrate technical competence. He should expect to continue to study and keep abreast of technical developments in this rapidly expanding field.

He must conform to professional standards of manner, conduct and appearance. He must be willing to accept responsibility for fulfilling the obligations of the department to render service to patients, and to see that such service is covered at all times, without regard to hours or personal convenience. He must accept the obligation to pass his knowledge on to others and to assist in training in the field, as well as to participate in the training in inhalation therapy of students in other fields.

He must be willing to cooperate with other hospital departments, to promote smooth inter-departmental workings. He must be willing to earn recognition of other professional groups by demonstrating his competence and the value of modern inhalation therapy in diagnosis and therapy.

Safety must be a primary concern of the therapist. He must understand and be alert to hazards and dangers inherent in the use of various gases, and constantly be vigilant in the elimination of such hazards and prevention of accidents.

The inhalation therapy technician must accept appropriate responsibility at various levels for successful administrative and financial operation of the department. He must assist in observing economy, avoidance of waste, and efficient use of manpower. He must protect the hospital's interest in ordering or purchase of gases and equipment, and in the maintenance and conservation of equipment. He must assist in providing hospital income by prompt and reliable submission of charges for service. He must keep proper records, develop statistics and render necessary reports as required by the hospital in order to evaluate the work of the department.

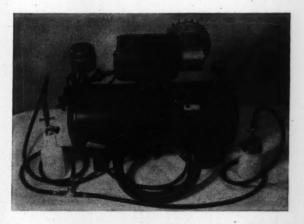
A very important consideration which involves both professional and administrative disciplines, is integrity with respect to charges. Although the therapist must seek to develop and expand the department and increase legitimate income for the hospital, he must feel an obligation to protect the interest of its patients, and help in preventing the unnecessary and preventable building up of charges for stand-by use of equipment.

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## How To Cure Catarrh\*

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To DISSOLVE the thick, viscid and tenacious mucus which adheres so closely to the inflamed mucous membrane lining the nose and throat, and which accumulates and obstructs their cavities, no application will be found equal to saline washes, such as carbolate of soda, chloride of sodium, and chlorate of potash, and alum or tannic acid.

The cavity of the nose and throat is exceedingly complicated, and great care will be required to make a thorough application of any wash, to cleanse out the cavity of the nose and throat. When gargles or washes are taken into the mouth, and the head is thrown back, and attempts are made to apply them to the back part of the throat, they will not be successful. No application to the back part of the throat can be made in this way. All fluids carried beyond the base of the tongue and behind the palate must

Editor's Note: We are sorry that space does not permit us to print all of Dr. Gleason's remarks. The following are excerpted from Lecture XIII of his book, entitled "Catarrh, and Diseases of the Nose and Throat." They present an interesting view of medical thought of a hundred years ago on an ailment which is still common and troublesome, despite all our advances since that time.

be swallowed into the stomach. No person can apply any wash to the back of the throat in this way. The experiment may be easily tried by anybody with a glass of water, and this assertion will be quickly verified.

The nasal douche, invented by Thudicum, which directs any fluid into the nose through one nostril and out at the other, only partially cleanses out the cavity of the nose, and does not make any application to the back part of the throat, or the upper and back part of the nose.

After repeated experiments, and the thorough trial of all kinds of instruments invented and used by others, for the purpose of washing out and making suitable applications to the diseased surfaces of the cavities of the nose and throat, the author has found nothing equal to the nasal douche shown in the accompanying illustration. (See fig. 1.) This simple instrument consists of a small elastic bag, with a short piece of flexible hose, and hard rubber mouthpiece, which is curved so that it slides into the mouth over the surface of the tongue, which it serves to depress, so that its blunt extremity, containing numerous little openings, passes up behind the palate! (See fig. 2.)

Having prepared the wash for cleansing out the cavity, the soft rubber bag is firmly compressed to expel the air, when the mouthpiece is placed in the

wash and the compression removed from the bag, when it soon fills. Now the mouthpiece is slid over the surface of the tongue until its tip touches the back part of the throat. (See fig. 3.) Now bend forward your face over a wash basin, and firmly compress the elastic bag, and the wash will be thrown as a gentle spray or shower all over the interior of the cavity of the nose and throat. This operation should be repeated several times, or until all the accumulated mucus and other impurities are removed.

The nasal douche should be used at least three times a day, or as often as is necessary to prevent the accumulation of acrid and poisonous mucus. In many instances, these putrid accumulations of mucus are so poisonous and acrid that their retention excoriates the mucous membrane, and greatly increases the sufering of the invalid, and prevents recovery. Thorough cleanliness is indispensable to rapid recovery from this loathsome disease.

When the nasal bones decay and become loose and dead, obstructing the cavities of the nose, they act like foreign bodies, and should be carefully removed, and the cavity of the nose cleansed with a weak solution of iodine and warm water. After a few trials anyone can use the nasal douche themselves, without any assistance, and thus complete their own cure. The rapidity of the cure of this disease will depend upon the faithfulness with which the applications to the diseased mucus surfaces are made.

Having removed the putrid accumulations and acrid mucus from the cavities of the nose and throat, and cleansed the diseased mucous membranes by the use of the nasal douche as often as required, then the inflammation may be removed and the ulceration healed by the judicious inhalation of medicated vapors, which are best adapted for this purpose.

In acute inflammation of the mucous membrane lining the nose and throat, hay fever, rose colds, influenza, quinsy, bronchitis, &c, where the principal object is to allay irritation and reduce inflammation, very few remedies will be found superior to acetate of lobelia, combined with acetate of opium and chloride of sodium, to which may be added a few drops of Calvert's solution of carbolic acid.

When the discharges from the cavity of the throat and nose become putrid and offensive, weak solutions of sulphurous acid, or chlorine, and carbolate of soda, will afford the most prompt relief.



Figure 1



Having prepared the wash for cleansing out the c Figure 2



Figure 3

In many old, chronic cases of long standing, with great relaxation of the mucous membrane and palate, a more stimulating course of treatment will be required, and in these cases much relief will be obtained by the use of tincture of tolu and tincture of gum benzoin. When the discharges of mucus are very profuse, and it is desirable to restrain or diminish them, few remedies will be found superior to combinations of purified tar and extract of belladona.

In many children of a strumous or scrofulous habit, and in all cases where there is enlargement of the tonsils and glands of the neck and throat, iodine is the most useful of all remedies.

These preparations may be dissolved in warm water or used in the form of tinctures, and reduced by the addition of diluted alcohol or spirits of wine, to suit each case.

Inhaling bottles should be made only of the best flint glass, and the openings should be sufficiently large to enable an invalid to use them without any considerable exhaustion or fatigue. The one used by the author is shown in the accompanying illustration. (See fig. 4.) When the disease is situated in the cavity of the nose, then the glass bulb at the end of the inhaling pipe should be placed in the nostril on either side of the nose, and

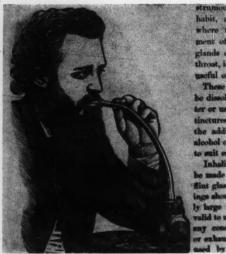


Figure 4

when the disease is located in the cavity of the throat, then it should be inserted in the mouth.

Inhalations should always be used warm, as the substances of which they are composed are much more readily reduced to the form of vapor by the application of heat. In common colds or influenza, fill the inhaling bottle half full of warm water, and then add a teaspoonful of fine salt and a teaspoonful of vinegar. Inhale this for five or ten minutes every hour until relief is obtained.

A solution of salt and rain water will form a very good basis for the addition of many of the other substances before enumerated in the treatment of many diseases of the nose and throat. Mucus is secreted from the follicles of the mucous membrane, to lubricate and protect the lining surface, and when this substance, which has been prepared by nature for this purpose, is examined by the chemist, it is found to be composed of water holding in solution a little chloride of sodium, or common salt. In fact, the mucous membranes are always kept soft and moist by being constantly bathed in a saline fluid. when in perfect health. Chlorine, iodine, carbolate of soda, opium, belladonna, lobelia, are soluble in warm salt and water, and may be used according to circum-

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SCIENCE, as such, represents only one aspect of the problem of nuclear testing; there are political, economic, religious and military overtones that color any thoughtful man's decision about whether or not these tests should continue.

Yet it is to science, the newly elected oracle of the atomic age, that people direct their questions; and we scientists respond with a shower of answers whose ambiguity would do justice to the original at Delphi. Not that the available scientific information is vague; indeed, we scientists can fortify any of our statements with a fine array of facts and figures. But how puzzling it must be to the layman to see men armed with identical "facts"

arrive at such disparate conclusions!

When the ordinary citizen asks, "Am I, or are my children, in danger?" he may get placid reassurance or the fright of his life, depending on the interpretation of the scientist to whom he addresses his question. The facts, you see, require interpretation; by themselves, they are almost meaningless. And, interpretation introduces the element of human judgment. Since there are always several ways of approaching any problem, the same set of "facts" serves as a springboard from which the scientists soar off in all directions.

It is helpful to compare the two extreme views; one would ordinarily expect that the truth must lie somewhere between these two extremes.

- 1. Taking the calmer view, one could say that, at low levels, comparable to the background radiation to which we are exposed every day from cosmic rays and the earth itself, no one has demonstrated any ill effects. In fact, some experiments show that animals live longer than normally when exposed to very small amounts of irradiation. And present levels from fallout have raised the population's exposure only a little above natural background.
- 1. But we can point to genetic studies indicating some likelihood that all radiation, however small, is harmful. Epidemiological studies do not yet "prove" anything, but they strongly suggest that natural background irradiation might be responsible for at least part of the genetic defects, the leukemias and cancers which plague our population naturally. From this it follows that raising background will increase the numbers of people so afflicted.

- 2. Again, an assuager of alarm could give his opinion that Strontium 90 has been overemphazised. It is only one of the byproducts of nuclear explosions. As a heavy nuclear fuel such as uranium or plutonium undergoes fission a whole host of small nuclear fragments appear; nearly all of the elements in the middle of the atomic table are formed. Nearly all of these are radioactive, but, for the most part, they rapidly dissipate their radioactivity high in the atmosphere. In undergoing this harmless transformation, they become ordinary substances which cause no hazard.
- 2. Any well-informed colleague would agree that most radioactive fragments do rapidly become nonradioactive. But this is the very reason Strontium 90 isotope has received the greatest emphasis. It has a long life, averaging 40 years; it is one of the most important fission products in terms of amount produced, it gets into the food chains leading to man; it concentrates in the skeleton and it stays there. Experimentally, Strontium 90 has produced bone tumors in animals. Although these experiments have involved levels much higher than those vet encountered in fallout, it is reasonable to expect similar effects-less severe, perhaps, less frequent-from fallout.
- 3. And can the problem be avoided by securing foods that don't contain Strontium? Hopefully, one might lessen the fear by emphasizing that in each test explosion, fission products are scattered to the four winds and carried all over the globe. Thus, while any food you might choose will contain traces of Sr90, the traces will be so diluted that the level in any one food will be low indeed.
- 3. In a more alarming presentation, the dietary problem can be summarized simply: "fission products are widely disseminated, and all foods are contaminated." Further, the radioactive ash from small weapons is dispersed below the stratosphere, circling the globe in a narrow band which coincides with the greatest foodproducing areas for the bulk of the world's population. Even large weapons which deposit their debris in the stratosphere are showing a preferential fallout in the northern latitudes, the most highly populated regions.
- 4. Since Strontium is produced only by fission, it might be argued that we could reduce the danger of radioactive fallout by testing only "clean" or fusion bombs: In fusion, isotopes of hydrogen are converted to non-radioactive products such as helium, and the hazards from fallout are therefore minimized.
- 4. First of all, at the heart of every fusion bomb is a fission trigger. Then, too all such weapons release large quantities of neutrons which react with nitrogen in the air to form C-14, a radioactive isotope of normal carbon. It is not unfair to say that "dirty" bombs produce large amounts of Sr. 90 while "clean" bombs produce principally large amounts of C-14. Which is worse is a moot question biologically. Strontium concentrates in the skeleton, leaving the gonads relatively unaffected. Carbon, however, is incorporated into the very substance of the genetic apparatus itself.

So it goes, the biological argument about radiation taking the form of urgent distress on the one hand and uneasy placation on the other. But biology and physics are not all that is involved in our problem. There are socio-political considerations. Unfortunately, we again find two sides to the argument.

- 1. The tests permit a continuing improvement of our nuclear arsenal on which we are now completely dependent.
- 1. They also permit continuing improvement of Russian capabilities (at a faster rate?) and open the door to fourth, fifth and sixth nuclear powers.
- 2. It is difficult to arrange an inspection system which can insure against violations.
- 2. It will be exceedingly more difficult with passing time as new powers enter the race.
- 3. It is morally wrong to let freedom die by failing to maintain a competitive retaliatory capability.
- 3. It is morally wrong to pollute the atmosphere of all nations in pursuing our own national interests.
- 4. Only by improving our retalitary power can we avoid World War III.
- 4. Preparation for war never prevented war. A large portion of the world would be destroyed if our *present* capabilities were employed, and the genetic consequences can only be guessed at.
- 5. Disarmament in any form only precipitates war by encouraging the agressor nation.
- 5. It is silly to build huge reservoirs of weapons that cannot be used. The economic strain of an arms race greatly increases the chances of a war.
- 6. Improving the quality of our stockpile will improve chances of successfully meeting "brush-fire" agressions.
- 6. If the situation is serious enough to warrant nuclear weapons it is not a brush-fire engagement. A stalemate is the best decision to be hoped for in such a case. Both sides must agree in advance not to use weapons large enough to be decisive.

And this is the substance of the argument. We have summarized the two extremist views, with no clear-cut "middle of the road" position between the two extremes. Were this the end of the matter, we would all be hard put to reach a decision.

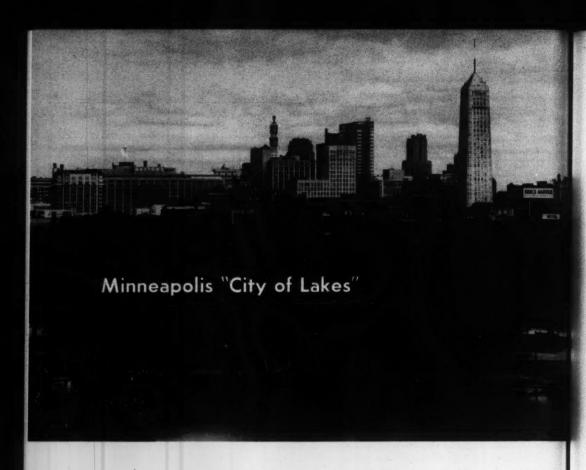
But, the third position is not in the middle. It lies outside the extremes of alarm and assurance, and so clearly outside, so plainly in view that like the proverbial nose on the face, it cannot always be seen.

It is simply this: Biological hazard of fallout is not the primary factor in deciding about the continuation of nuclear tests.

The fact that does determine the advisability of a ban on testing is that nuclear weapons are too hazardous to use. And if you cannot use them, why test them? Why stockpile more weapons than we dare explode?

It is clear that, in military terms, nuclear weapons have already been developed to a point of absurdity. We dare not use what we already possess.

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By Frank Huston

TAVE you ever thought what it would be like to live in a city surrounded by water? That is exactly what you will experience in Minneapolis at the sixth annual meeting of the American Association of Inhalation Therapists. The city is called "the City of Lakes" from the Sioux Indian word minne (water) and the Greek word appolos (city). Twenty-two lakes and lakelets surround the city, adding not only to its beauty but providing ample means for both winter and summer recreation. Couple this with the magnificent system of parkways and boulevards known as the Grand Rounds and you have a city of true beauty.

Not to be outdone by its natural endow-

ments, the natives are fast making Minneapolis one of the most modern and progressive cities in the country. At the present time 60 acres of the downtown area are being razed to make way for gleaming skyscrapers and ultra modern office buildings. The city's tallest building, Foshay Tower, is the only commercial edifice in the country granted permission to copy its architecture from the Washington Monument. From the top of this building you can get a spectacular airview of Minneapolis and the surrounding area.

Downtown Minneapolis is the financial, business and shopping center of the Upper Midwest. Famed Nicollet Avenue has been aptly named the "Fifth Avenue of the Midwest." Along this famous street are some of the smartest shops in the country. Everything from a five-cent key ring to a \$20,000 chinchilla coat are yours for the asking (providing, of course, you bring

your check book).

Headquarters of the largest milling companies in the United States, General Mills, Pillsbury and International, just to mention a few, put the city on a sound economic basis. Of equal importance is the printing and publishing business. Minneapolis is one of the largest centers for this industry, boasting over 350 companies turning out everything from greeting cards to slick magazines.

Situated in the 45th parallel, Minneapolis has a marked continental climate. The average Fall temperature is 48.5 degrees, so bring along your coat and hat, and by all means spruce up for your evenings on the town. Minneapolis boasts some of the finest restaurants in the country, and while they are not all the dressiest, they do require a tie and jacket of the gentlemen.

Perhaps the cultural aspect of Minneapolis is best exemplified by the world renown Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra. This organization (one of the most traveled symphonies in the United States) has brought more fame to Minneapolis than any other cultural institutions. Founded in 1903, the orchestra quickly grew to become one of the leading musical groups in the country. Its home is in the beautiful Nor-

throp Auditorium on the campus of the University of Minnesota. The Minneapolis Orchestra has been recognized throughout Europe as one of the five top orchestras in the world.

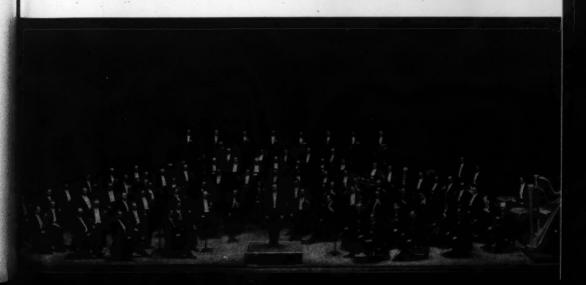
Further cultural pursuits can be well satisfied at the Walker Art Center or the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. They both present timely exhibits of contemporary art as well as the very best in traveling displays. In addition, their permanent collections are the most highly prized in the Upper-Midwest.

The American Swedish Institute, devoted to Swedish art and culture, is foremost in its field, and has been a constant source of inspiration to interior decorators and fabric designers from all over the

world.

Inside the Pick-Nicollet Hotel, your convention headquarters, there will be a beehive of activity. From Monday through Friday you will be busily engaged in listening to some of the most learned men and women in the country discuss the topics near to every inhalation therapist's heart. And you will see on exhibit the most advanced products in the world, tools of your profession, that you may use with confidence and pride.

There is a feeling of excitement in Minneapolis, a sense of people going places and doing things. It is this feeling of excitement that we think will make the sixth annual meeting the best in A.A.I.T. history.



It is clear, too, that the Russian government recognizes the absurdity of nuclear weapons and nuclear warfare, and that they are resigned to a long period of strained, yet peaceful, contention. They are convinced that they will ultimately succeed in achieving world domination peacefully—that they will "bury us."

We are not in danger of getting into a war; we are already in a war. The weapons are not nuclear but ideological in form. We cannot, in such circumstances, spend all our efforts on maintaining a balanced budget and testing bombs. We have real and big

problems to solve.

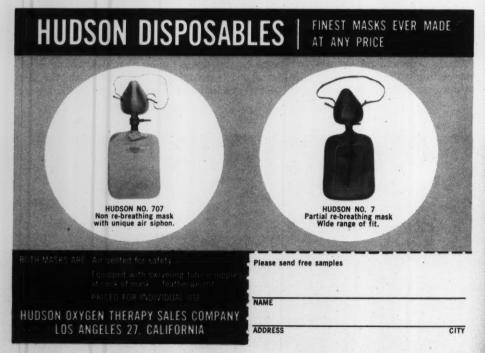
Space research, education, integration, the world population bomb, developing the industrial capabilities of backward nations . . . these are the real and pertinent issues

which deserve our inspired efforts.

We have already delayed too long in our soul-searching, seeming instead to prefer endless argument over the hazard of fallout. Is it perhaps a new form of the old isolationist dream, this construction of an atomic barrier? Do we seek to preserve our civilization with explosives? If so, we will find ourselves disappointed . . . surrounded by golden trinkets, yet alone.

It is not the golden touch that is wanted, but rather the common touch. The voices of seething millions are crying for assistance—assistance not to be measured in terms of automatic dishwashers and TV. A parade of our wealth can hardly amuse these millions; nor is the common touch likely to be achieved by setting off firecrackers, however big they may become. If we must put on a show for the world, a mushroom cloud is the least suitable display we could choose.

It is time now for constructive efforts, for the sincere lending of our great scientific talents and natural resources for the advancement and enlightenment of man. We simply cannot afford to go on sending our financial and intellectual resources up in smoke, only to get them back in atomic ash.



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### **EDITOR'S CORNER**



### **Another School**

OUR JUNE issue carried a story on schools for training therapists. As the article stated, we sent out a survey questionnaire this spring to all schools we knew of. This was followed up a little later by a second mailing, to get all returns in. Having had no reply from one of them by going-to-press time, we assumed the school had closed, since we knew that its technical head, Benigno Rosa, had died last summer. So our table of schools did not list it.

After copy had been all set, your editor learned from one of its faculty members that the School for Inhalation Therapists at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Elizabeth, New Jersey, is still extant. Those in that area who are interested may be able to find out particulars from the hospital.

We are hoping that other schools will make themselves known to us, so that we can publicize them here.

### The Convention

If you haven't already arranged it, you certainly should wait no longer to approach your superior or administrator about sending you to this most important event of the year for inhalation therapists. (November 14 to 18)

Unless you are one of the fortunate ones enrolled in formal training, this meeting is your biggest opportunity to get some intensive training from the authorities in the field to augment your stores of information and experience, and thereby to increase your professional competence. These things increase your value to the institution you serve, which should be interested in offering ever better patient service.

If you are wondering what things you need to know for Registry examinations (when they begin), this would probably be an excellent place to get some good ideas.

### **Chapter News**

You'll notice only a half page of Chapter news in this issue. We can only take this as a reflection

of inactivity in the chapters, which at a time like this is certainly hard to understand. One of the best ways to continue and extend your professional development outside of schools or annual meeting attendance is attendance at local professional meetings—your chapter meetings!

If they are not professional meetings, it is time to make them so—make them interesting and educational—let their programs help you prepare for Registry examinations. And report these worthwhile activities, please, so we can share each other's ideas.

You'll note, too, that we have a new Chapter Activities Editor. Jack Sangster, of Montreal General Hospital, who has for several years faithfully done this hard job, has been forced by other responsibilities to give it up. Your editor wishes to extend to Jack his sincerest thanks for the noble efforts he made during the formative years of many of our chapters, during which we were unable to provide much guidance to them, and therefore Jack frequently was faced with inadequate reports to try to write an intelligible column from.

We are hoping that recent memos to chapter secretaries will help Jack's successor to receive clearer, more accurately detailed reports. Chapter secretaries please note: henceforth you should send copies of your minutes of meetings promptly

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#### **Future Plans**

We are planning for our October issue an informative feature story on the convention in Minneapolis in November (see also story on Minneapolis in this issue). Other articles in preparation are ones on maintenance of IPPB equipment, pulmonary edema, elementary bacteriology, ancient inhalation therapy, more book reviews, local institute or seminar planning, and an article on other educational aids.

### CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

### by Howard R. Dockham

THE MARCH meeting of the Greater Boston Chapter was held at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Chapter Secretary H. Eugene O'Connor spoke on "Understanding the Asthmatic," and there were lecture-demonstrations on the oxygen tent by President Angelo Guarino and on the Walton Humidifier by Mr. Edmund Banks.

In February the chapter was host to the firemen and policemen from the Boston metropolitan area, and held a brief symposium on resuscitation. Mr. Vincent D. Kracum, Inhalation Therapy Consultant, Ohio Chemical & Surgical Equipment Company, New York, spoke on this subject, and on the condemnation of the use of carbon dioxide-oxygen mixtures for this purpose. Mr. Patrick J. MacGuiniss, of the E. & J. Resuscitator Company, discussed the history and development of resuscitators, and gave technical pointers on their use and on the proper positioning of the patient while applying the mask.

The Greater New York Chapter decided to improve the conduct of its meetings by distributing copies of a simplified parliamentary procedure booklet, based on Roberts Rules of Order, at its March meeting. The meeting featured Mr. William H. Smith, Research and Development Engineer, O.E.M. Corporation, in a lecture-demonstration on the use and after-care of the Cofflator. In addition, there were case history reports given by two other members, to illustrate the efficacy of IPPB therapy.

The April meeting was addressed by Vice President Warren H. Greer on "The Role of the Inhalation Therapist in Staph Pneumonia Cases."

Dr. Leonard Steinfeld, Pediatric Cardiologist at Mt. Sinai Hospital, spoke at the May meeting. His topic was "Inhalation Therapy as Applied to Pediatrics."

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